

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 625  
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James St. John Roach  
of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James St. John Roach; and

WHEREAS, James Roach was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roach served with acumen and alacrity as Commissioner and Mayor of Johnson City, in which position he earned the respect of the Johnson City community for the exemplary quality of his work and his tireless commitment to public and civic service; and

WHEREAS, the youngest Mayor in Johnson City's history, James Roach also worked as an attorney for many years, protecting the civil and constitutional rights of numerous Tennessee citizens; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late John A. Roach and Josephine St. John Roach, James Roach graduated from Science Hill High School in 1971, and he earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Tennessee; he graduated from Memphis State University School of Law with a Doctor of Jurisprudence and a Master of Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, James Roach was a member of the Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Roach always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, James Roach is survived by his mother, Josephine Roach; two daughters, Margaret Roach and Katherine Roach; one sister, Josephine Hemphill and husband Chris; two brothers, John T. Roach and Robert D. Roach and wife Leila; three nephews, Scott Hemphill,

Brian Hemphill and wife Clair, and Michael Roach; one niece, Anna Mitchell and husband Steve; and great-nephew, Matthew Mitchell; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roach leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James St. John Roach, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Roach.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.